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Progress sluggish, but proposed book swap inches closer to reality

BY TARA DIXON
Senior News Writer

If you've ever been frustrated by the prices of textbooks and the amount you receive when returning them, you may be in luck. The Student Government Association is working on initiating an online book swap that would allow students to buy and sell books and other items without having to post fliers around campus.

This program would be set up by an independent company, Conexus Enterprises.

Conexus Enterprises would closely manage and monitor the system, and send reports to the SGA. If there is questionable material posted, it would be up to the SGA to allow Conexus to remove the offensive post.

This system would be a way to connect with other students. "It would be a marketplace to sell books and, for instance, if a senior had couches they didn't need anymore, they could post pictures and sell them to someone who could use them," said junior J.J. Gibson,

SGA Legislative vice-president.

The idea may sound familiar, as it was one of the campaign platforms of Gibson, President Natasha Hamilton, and Administrative Vice-President Meagan Quick during last year's SGA elections.

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SGA Legislative Vice President

students and seeing the everyday difficulties students had," Gibson said.

They had also heard of other colleges that had similar programs, such as Marquette University.

"It would be a good way for students to be able to communicate a lot better," Gibson said. Rather than posting fliers in Alter Hall and the Gallagher Student Center, students could go online and sell their books.

"There would be no monetary transaction online, no credit card numbers. This would just bring people together in a quicker way than posting notices in Gallagher or talking to friends," Gibson said.

Students would reply to online postings by email or telephone and make their own sales arrangements.

"It would technologically centralize business that is already going on on campus every day," Gibson said.

In addition to selling goods, students could rate and post comments about their professors and classes.

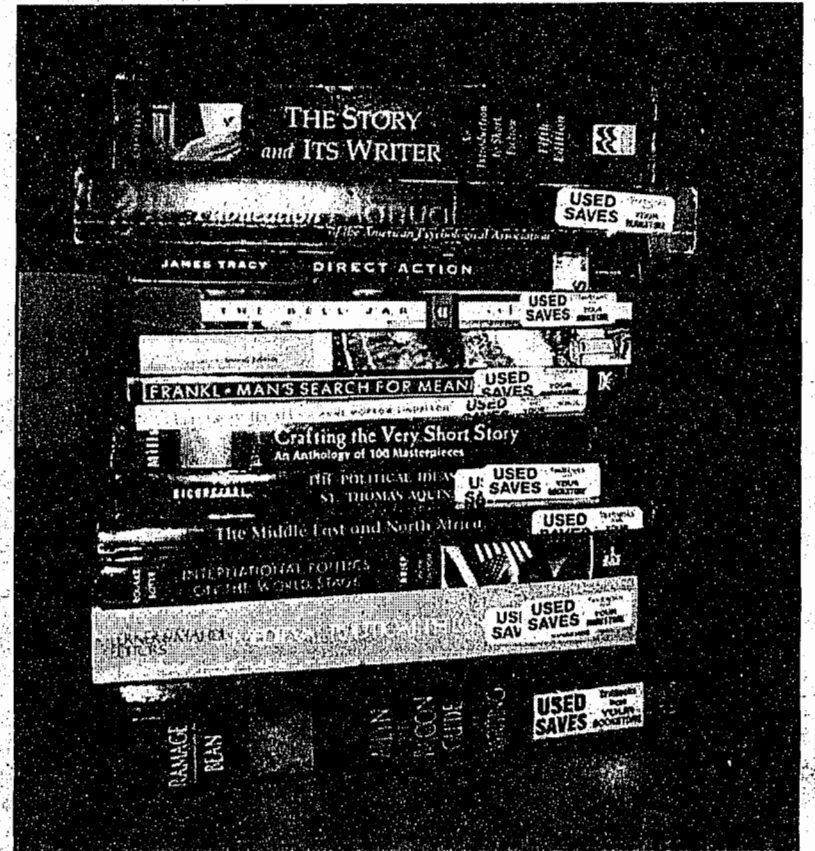


PHOTO TAKEN BY TARA DIXON

SGA is working on a plan to create an online textbook swap so students can get their textbooks for less.

There would also be a scrolling marquee on the site that would inform students of campus events.

"It would be a way for students to communicate, but it would be a way for the SGA to communicate with students as well," Gibson said.

"The good thing about this system is that it can be changed.

"Different parts of it can be blocked off or changed, and it can be molded into what we want it to be."

SGA is working behind the scenes to gather information to present to the administration.

"The administration was open in talking with us and presenting their concerns," Gibson said.

The main concern is possible conflicts with the bookstore's contract with Follet. There are also

concerns about the review center. "We understand the administration's concerns, and right

"The idea came from just being students and seeing the everyday difficulties students had."

— Gibson

now we're trying to collect as much information as we can to help get this pushed through," Gibson said.

At the moment, this program is an ongoing project in the SGA, but it's not going to monopolize

their agenda.

"We have a lot of programs we'd like to get off the ground, and we're trying to maintain a healthy balance," Gibson said.

There is currently no definite timeline for getting the program functional.

"The SGA is really at a transitional point now where we're trying to gather information to present to the administration and approach them again," Gibson said.



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Things like Xavier University collectables and sports drinks may become the high sellers at the bookstore if the SGA plan for a book swap goes through.

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Attention Seniors

From 7-9 on Wednesday, Jan. 28, join the Senior Board for ice skating at Fountain Square. They will meet downtown, and admission and skate rentals are free. For more information, the Senior Board can be emailed at seniorboard@yahoo.com.

Wellness Team lunch and learn seminar

At noon on Monday, Jan. 26, Petra den Dulk is assisting participants in reviewing how they experience well-being and discussing how they can improve their lives. Participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the wellness coordinator at wellness@xavier.edu.

24-hour theater

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, come watch the 24-hour Theater in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre.

For the 24-hour Theater, students will find a script onstage at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, and will perform the production the next evening on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. During those 24 hours, students remain in the theater and are released two at a time for props, costumes and food.

Event Honoring Black History Month

Xavier University's Williams College of Business is joining with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and Procter & Gamble in sponsoring a Black History Month event featuring Edwin Rigaud, president of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (NURFC).

The event, titled "Personal Histories: Struggles, Triumphs and Lessons Learned," is on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center, and is free and open to the public.

SGA Blood Drive

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 29 and 30, there will be a blood drive on the third floor of the Gallagher Student Center. As of Jan. 9, the usage of blood in the Cincinnati area has been so great that the community is 700 units of blood short. Over half of the shortage is of type O blood. If anyone is interested in donating, they can contact Constance Fowler at 924-8421.

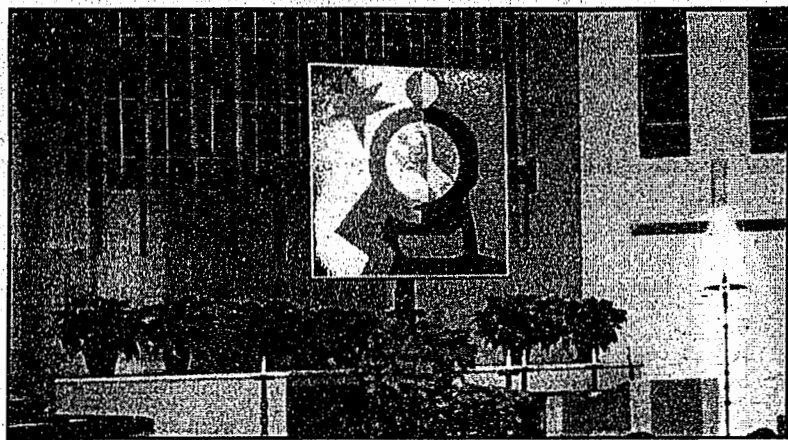
Students reminded of Martin Luther King Jr.'s message

SARA THOMAS
Contributing Writer

In honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a commemorative observance was held in Bellarmine Chapel on Thursday.

The event was titled "Bridging the Gap ... King: Then and Now" and was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of the President, the Office of Student Development and the Black Student Association.

"[The purpose of the ceremony was to] celebrate the birthday, work and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Paul James, the four-year director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs who presided over the event. The event, he said, has been going on "for at least the past 20 years" and is something that will continue in the future.



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Bellarmine Chapel was decorated for the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration.

Xavier President Father Michael Graham welcomed the crowd to the ceremony and also ended the ceremony in prayer.

"[Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s] memory, like fine wine, ages and becomes more potent year after year," said Graham during the wel-

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-Paul James
Director of Multicultural Affairs

come. The ceremony consisted of musical selections performed by the Xavier Gospel Choir, and reflections by Xavier junior Chavon Mitchell, and sophomore Lanightta Sales, both members of the Black Student Association.

"I thought Chavon and Lanightta did a very good job of giving a youth perspective," said James.

During her reflection, Mitchell spoke about the "foundation" that

Dr. King built for the Civil Rights Movement, and said that "he saw what we could become when the barriers are gone," citing some restrictions that still exist for African-Americans in society today. Sales ended her reflection, which had a focus on the "I Have a Dream Speech," by thanking Dr. King for the dream he had years ago that now allows people of different races to sit together in celebration of his life.

In addition to the student participation, there was a reflection by Pastor Peter Matthews of St. Stephens A. M. E.

Bishop E. Lynn Brown, who took part in peaceful protests with Dr. King, gave the keynote address.

Brown is a native of Jackson, Tenn. and is the 46th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He was elected in Birmingham, Ala. in 1986.

Brown's address rounded out the "Bridging the Gap" observance with topics such as the war on Iraq,



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Paul James, the director of Multicultural Affairs, spoke about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy.

peaceful protest, his past experiences with racial discrimination, and even a rap about hip-hop music turning into "hip-slop."

"[Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s] memory, like fine wine, ages and becomes more potent year after year."

-Father Michael Graham, S.J.

"I think Bishop Brown's message was very timely, and Pastor Peter Matthews did a wonderful reflection. It was a great overall event. I think it's an event Xavier does very well," said James. "I

think the community really received it, not only did the Xavier community come out and receive it, but the Cincinnati community as well."

Police Notes

January 14, 8:18 p.m. — Several resident students reported harassing phone calls by an anonymous male caller.

January 17, 1:20 a.m. — A resident student reported that her purse was stolen at a house party that took place in the 900 block of Marion Avenue.

January 17, 5:04 p.m. — A resident student reported the theft of her Palm Pilot that was taken from her dorm room overnight.

January 17, 10:30 p.m. — Campus Police and Residence Life conducted a room search in one of the residence halls and found a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

January 18, 2:15 a.m. — An underage resident student was cited for the consumption of alcohol and for failure to comply with University Officials when he falsely identified himself to Campus Police.

January 18, 7:50 a.m. — Norwood Police arrested two commuter students for throwing bottles at a house on Regent Avenue.

January 19, 6:30 p.m. — A commuter student reported the theft of his compact disc player and face plate from his car parked in the C2 lot.



Police Notes of the Week

January 13, 11:30 a.m. — A Newswire employee reported that someone was using one of the computers in the Publications House to view pornographic Web sites.

Any comments or concerns about *The Newswire*? Dan Cox, Editor-in-Chief, will have office hours at the Publications House on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8-9 p.m.



Rival schools come together for charity

RACHEL FISCHER
Contributing Writer

The 2004 Crosstown Helpout program is recruiting volunteers within the community to help with the event taking place this Saturday, Jan. 24.

This is an opportunity to help out the greater Cincinnati area and come together with Xavier's rival school, the University of Cincinnati, for a common good.

Mary Ann Schomaker is the assistant alumni director at Xavier and this is her fourth year heading the Crosstown Helpout.

"We work very closely with the University of Cincinnati and try to really bring both schools together during the intense competition of the basketball game," Schomaker said.

The Crosstown Helpout is a preceding event to the Crosstown Shootout. It is an annual event that

first began in 1998 with 200 volunteers. Now the program has grown to consist of over 750 volunteers working at 35 schools and agencies.

"It becomes bigger and bigger each year," Schomaker commented when asked about the success of

dren, alumni, staff, students and senior citizens.

Volunteers will meet from 8-8:30 a.m. at the University of Cincinnati's Fifth Third Arena at the Shoemaker Center. There will be a shuttle running at Xavier in front of Bellarmine Circle for students

cleaning windows, picking up trash and any other task to help clean up local buildings and schools.

Home Depot is donating all materials and supplies to help with the process. Lunch will also be provided by donations from La Rosa's Pizza for all Crosstown Helpout Volunteers. The event will continue until 2:30 p.m.

All participants will receive a t-shirt and are eligible to win valuable prizes. One of the top prizes every year has been a pair of tickets to the following year's Crosstown Shootout basketball game. The tickets will be awarded at breakfast and one must be present to win.

To register to participate in the Crosstown Helpout, go to www.crosstownhelpout.com.

There are two ways to register, either by filling out the online registration form, or sign up in the cafeteria through Thursday, Jan. 22.

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- Mary Ann Schomaker
Assistant Alumni Director

the program over the last couple of years.

People from all over the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area volunteer their time. There are plenty of jobs to accommodate volunteers of any age, including chil-

who need transportation to and from UC.

Registration will be taken there, and breakfast will be provided. By 9:30 a.m., all volunteers will head out to local schools and agencies, repairing buildings, painting,

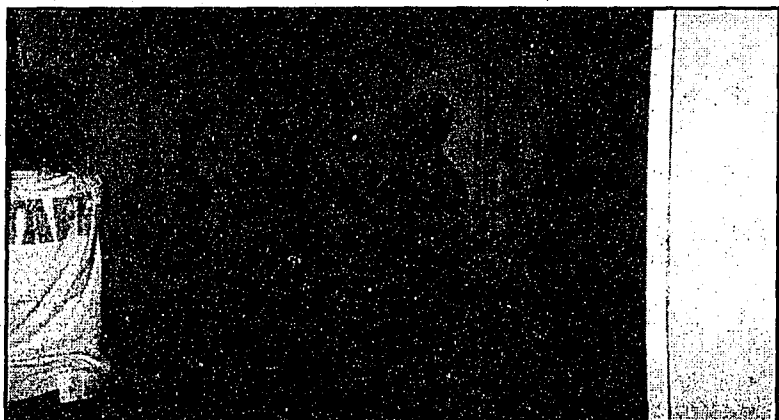


PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY ANN SCHOMAKER
Volunteers work together to paint the walls at East End Community Heritage School.



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Xavier freshman Laura Lynn Hemmelgarn (far right) spends her day painting at last year's crosstown helpout.

Senior art events

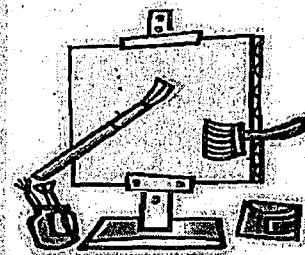
Feb. 20-March 12, 2004 — Kelly and Kyle Phelps, *Sculptures* Artists' Reception, Friday, Feb. 20 6-8 p.m. Xavier Student Exhibition, Artists' Reception, Friday, March 12, 6-8 p.m.

March 19-26, 2004 — Pamela Mattei, *Fibers*, Libby Nash, *Paintings and Drawings*, Tina Orzali, *Photographs* Artists' Reception, Friday, March 19, 6-8 p.m.

April 2-9, 2004 — Libby Baltes, *Paintings*, Marianne Cummings, *Graphic Design*, Trevor Durham, *Paintings*, Chris Meeks, *Graphic Design* Artists' Reception, Friday, April 2, 6-8 p.m.

April 16-23, 2004 — Elizabeth Shortt, *Paintings and Drawings* Artist Reception, Friday, April 16, 6-8 p.m.

April 30-May 7, 2004 — Sarah Riesser, *Graphic Design/Fibers/Mixed Media* Artist Reception, Friday, April 30, 6-8 p.m.



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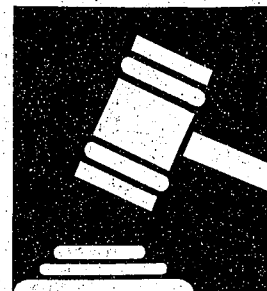
Derek Blank, Editor



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Senate Welcomes All to Meetings

SGA's Student Senate would like to encourage Xavier students to provide Senators with feedback, questions, and concerns. Furthermore, all students are also invited to attend weekly senate meetings. At the meetings, students are welcome to voice their comments out loud in the Public Forum section of the meeting. On the other hand, if students are just curious as to the structure and organization of meetings, they are invited to sit and watch the meeting. Hope to see you there!



Dear Andy,

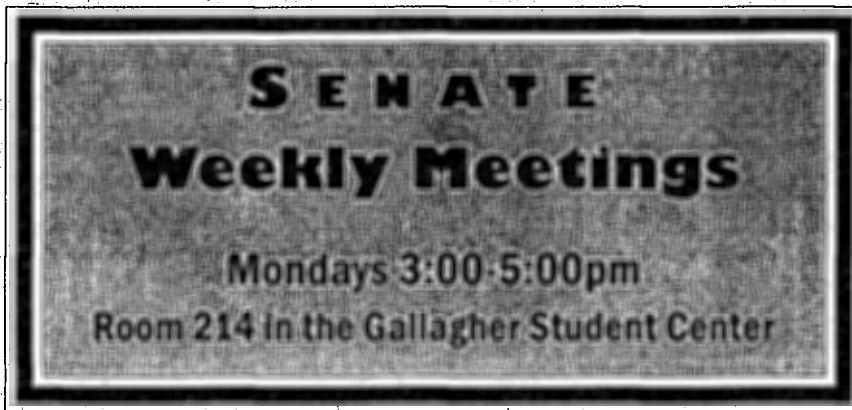
The parking situation really stinks. Why do I go to this school?

Signed,
Domesticat

Dear Domesticat,

Although I cannot safely hazard a guess as to why you go to this school, rest assured I would help you with your parking dilemmas. From my own personal experience with Xavier PD and parking tickets, I have found a few helpful solutions to your problem. The first solution is to simply come to class earlier. Secondly, if you are within walking distance from school, which you are if you are a true "Domesticat," give that a try. It is good for you, the environment, and your monetary supply. Finally, riding with a friend or roommate to carpool with is always a good option. Those are some brief suggestions. Good luck.

Sincerely,
Andy



Upcoming Events...

SENATE BUDGET INFO SESSIONS

The second, and final, Senate Budget-Info Session will be held this afternoon (Wednesday) at 5:45 pm in Room 214 of the Gallagher Center

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...more days until the **CROSSTOWN!**



Ski Trip

Friday, February 20, 2004
-Details to follow soon!!



Rhiannan Price

Price

SENATOR

Office Hours:
Wednesday, 3-5pm

Financial Affairs

Hometown: St. Louis, MO
High School: Parkway West High School
Current Year: Freshman
Major: Politics and Philosophy; French Minor
Other Clubs, Interests: Koinonia, Xavier Action, Habitat for Humanity, College Republicans

Reason for Attending Xavier: least expensive school; PPP Program

Favorites...

- Class at Xavier: Philosophy with Dr. Collela
- Meal at the Cafeteria: Chicken Caesar Wraps
- Weekend Activity: Sleeping
- Movie: *A League of their Own*
- Book: *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

If you could choose any three people in the world to have dinner with, who would you choose? Kordell Stewart, Dave Matthews, and Leslie Ghiz



Helen Todd

SAC MEMBER

Office Hours:
Vary

Special Events,
Enrichment

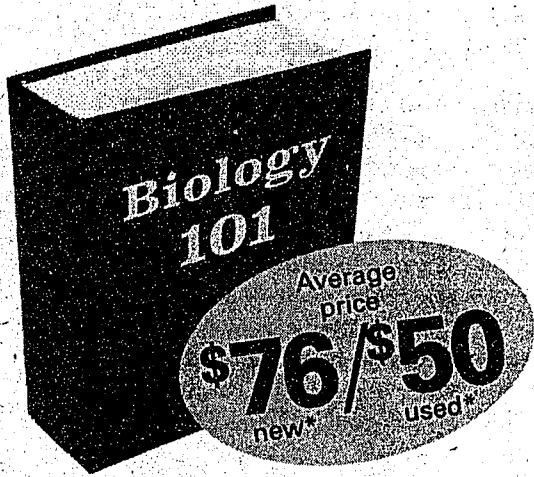
Hometown: Pigeon Forge, TN
High School: Gatlinburg-Pittman High School
Current Year: Sophomore (due to credit hours, I am technically a Junior!!!)
Major: Marketing, Advertising, Entrepreneurial Minor
Other Clubs, Interests: Williams Business Scholar, Marketing Club, Entrepreneurial Club, X-Action Publicity Chair

Favorites...

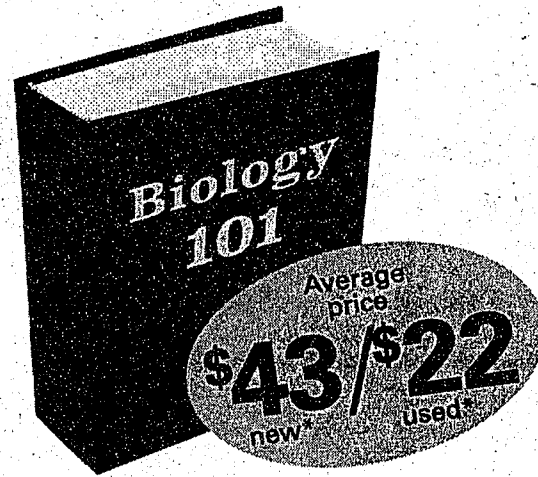
- Class at Xavier: Consumer Behavior
- Meal at the Cafeteria: Omelets
- Weekend Activity: live Bluf concerts, drinking non-alcoholic champagne
- Movie: *Mystic Pizza*
- Book: *The Fall of Advertising and the Rise of PR*
- Embarrassing experience: Seeing Joe Ring naked

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Dr. King's message

Throughout the decades of American history, some of our nation's greatest leaders have preached of a society without violence and injustice rooted in racial hatred. Few men, however, have transformed their words into actions as resoundingly as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Despite the countless threats to him and his family, the beatings, and even imprisonment, Dr. King continued to make his words and actions clear, striving for a world where people are judged by the actions of their character and not by the color of their skin.

For some, the meaning of the Martin Luther King Holiday is blurred, believing it to be simply a day for those of a racial minority to reflect on the ac-

tions of one man. To believe so would be neglecting the true message of Dr. King and all others who gave their lives in the name of the Civil Rights Movement. The King holiday is a day for humanity to celebrate the fact that we are protected by law to be who we want to be and believe what we choose without fear of racial restrictions.

Many students perceive this as an extra day tacked onto the weekend, a reason to sleep just a few more hours on Monday morning. The day of observance for Dr. King is not a day of idleness, but a day to celebrate our individuality and our freedom from the exteriors that try to contain us. It is a day to celebrate each other as brothers and sisters, despite our differing ethnic back-

grounds, and to see the importance of each person involved in our lives.

Often asking the question, "What are you doing for others?" Dr. King saw that each altruistic deed performed was a benefit for the greater good — one step toward a world of equality where each person lived to serve his/her brother or sister.

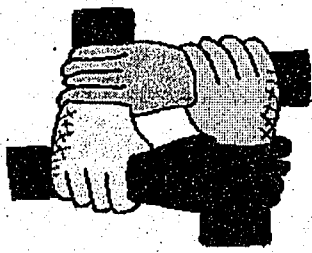
Regardless of what you did on Martin Luther King Day, dedicate

"It is a day to celebrate each other as brothers and sisters, despite our differing ethnic backgrounds, and to see the importance in each person involved in our lives."

each day forward to the service of others, no matter how small or unappreciated the deed may be. Dr. King's message of unconditional love and service does not exist in a vacuum as something applicable only to the Civil Rights Movement 50 years ago. His message inspires us to enrich our

community and everyone in it — that our joys are everyone's joys and our sorrows are shared by the world around us.

Monday's time of celebration and remembrance was not merely for the purpose of marking one day in history, but as an inspiration to live our lives without persecution and discrimination and to celebrate one of the men that enabled us to do so.



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Expectations of sportsmanship

I would like to take this opportunity to remind individuals of the expectations that the University has of its students and fans during athletic events. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, fans are expected to act respectfully and appropriately toward players, coaches and fans of the opposing team, as well as to officials. Behavior that reflects poorly on Xavier and disrupts other fans during the game is unacceptable and will result in action by the University.

Some examples of the inappropriate behavior include: offensive language or gestures, chants or phrases that cast a negative light on the opposing players or Uni-

versity, and clothing, costumes, or signs that depict a negative image of the opposing players or University.

There are many positive traditions and customs that show support for our student-athletes and encourage school spirit. Xavier fans have repeatedly shown they can be enthusiastic and supportive basketball fans who demonstrate good sportsmanship — that is a tradition worth holding onto!

— Sylvia Bessegato

Associate Vice President for
Student Development/Dean of
Students

Iowa 'surprise'

CHAVON MITCHELL

Opinions and Editorials Editor

As a staunch supporter of the Democratic Party, I would like to commend Iowa caucus voters for showing the reality of the democratic process in the United States of America.

I found the media frenzy surrounding former Vermont Governor Howard Dean and his campaign to be extremely unsettling. In a field of eight worthy contenders, there was never a clear frontrunner in the race for the Democratic nomination. The only tangible truth amid the plethora of speculation was that Dean had raised more money than any other nominee at that point. He also had several high-profile Democrats supporting him in his run for the presidential nomination.

However, nominations should not be won based on how much money one accumulates or whom he/she knows. People lend their vote to their prospective candidate based on their platform and the

type of person they come off as during their campaign.

I, personally, was not rooting for Senator John Kerry to win the Iowa caucus. In fact, my allegiance actually lies with Dean. However, I disliked how the media basically picked Dean as the frontrunner without actually looking at the polls they were posting every night on the news. It clearly showed that Dean was in the lead in Iowa among decided voters; however, undecided voters nearly outnumbered Dean supporters.

I believe that the Iowa caucuses have showed the rest of America that the media often gets caught up in half-truths and their own spin on the news.

If everyone, including political analysts and media giants, would have paid attention to the facts, it would have been clear the Iowa caucus was really up to any of the top four strong candidates. Therefore, I hope the media stops trying to be spin doctors and start simply reporting their own speculation.



Dear Doc,

I'm growing my hair long to cut and donate to "Locks of Love," which is a charity that creates wigs for poor and sick children. Is there any way to help it grow faster?

Signed,
Goldilocks

Dear Goldilocks,

Take a multi-vitamin daily. I doubt over-the-counter Rogaine would help much and it's expensive.

Dear Doc,

Every once in a while, my left eyelid swells up. It always happens at different times in different situations. Any idea about what it is?

Signed,
Puff Girl

Dear PG,

This could be an allergy to make-up or something rubbed on the lid. If it is pimple-like, it could be a stye. See a physician next time to evaluate it.



Questions are answered by Dr. James P. Konerman, the medical director of the Health and Counseling Center and graduate of Xavier University. Questions for Doc Talk can be dropped off at the Health and Counseling Center or emailed to opednewswire@hotmail.com.

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— S T A F F T A L K —

What is the New Year's resolution you plan to keep this year?



"Pick up more chicks on the Internet"

Steve Metzger
Assistant Sports Editor



"Pick up less chicks on the Internet"

Dave Gilmore
Sports Editor



"To come up with better Mall Talk questions"

Dan Cox
Editor-in-Chief



"Bathe daily"

Tony McCosham
Assistant
Diversions Editor



"To stop being belittled by Dan for coming up with lame Mall Talk questions"

Chavon Mitchell
Op/Ed Editor



"To be more patient"

Lisa Regenhart
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"Keep on trucking"

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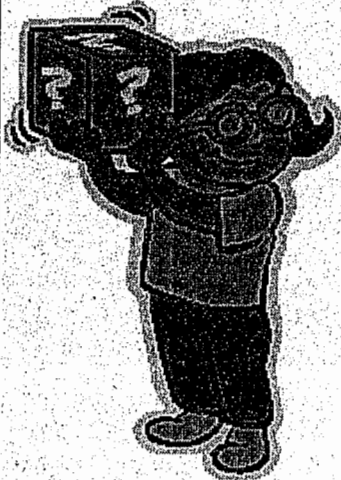
Correction

Near the end of the front page Jan. 14 story ("Xavier-affiliated priest arrested at annual protest") about the School of the Americas, there was an error in the language about co-sponsoring legislation in the Senate. Reading the story, it sounded as though Br. Mike O'Grady was being asked to co-sponsor legislation.

Also, I was misquoted as saying that the legislation was for the Senate. In fact, Congressman Mike Chabot (R-OH) is being encouraged to sign on as a co-sponsor for legislation in the House of Representatives. Currently, there is no legislation pending in the Senate. A group of concerned citizens, including XU undergraduate and graduate students, will be meeting with Chabot on Feb. 6 to discuss the possibility of his leadership involvement on this issue.

— Stephanie Beck Borden
Graduate Student

Introducing the new Op-Ed staff ...



Chavon Mitchell
and Meg Nalezny



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Shootout tickets to be determined by lottery

This year's annual Crosstown Shootout vs. UC (Feb. 3 at Cintas) will feature a new system of ticket distribution, conducted via online lottery.

Any full-time undergraduate student may enter the lottery via Student Online Services (SOS) from Jan. 19-23.

The lottery function on SOS will be available 24 hours a day during the entry period.

Entries will not be chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis, but rather by random selection with preference to upperclassmen.

The winners will be notified via email on Jan. 28.

SOS can be accessed from the "popular sites" drop-down box on Xavier's homepage: xavier.edu.

A Xavier campus-wide viewing party for those not attending the game will be held. Details will be announced at a later date.

Blue Jackets offer promotion to college students

The Columbus Blue Jackets, in conjunction with Time Warner and CD101, invite college students to enjoy a full night of entertainment and hockey action beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29 in the Arena District when the Blue Jackets host the Nashville Predators.

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Rifle opens season with bang

The Xavier rifle team returned to action on Sunday and picked up a 6,155-6,012 win over Rose Hulman at Walsh Range.

Freshman Brian Watson led Xavier's air rifle effort with a 388.

Sophomore Brandon Czekaj added a 387 and junior Hannah Kerr posted a 386.

Kerr led the smallbore scoring for Xavier with an 1,162.

Sophomore Rich Gauvin added an 1,160 and Czekaj posted an 1,157.

Xavier returns to action on Saturday at conference rival Kentucky.

West and Nelson dash Musketeers' hopes of upset

BY DAVE GILMORE & STEVE METZGER
Sports Editors

Last year, the fact that a D. West had scored 33 points in the Cintas Center used to mean good news for the Musketeer faithful, but not anymore, especially when his name is Delonte and he wears red and white.

A 23-point effort by senior Lionel Chalmers and an early lead were not enough for the Muskies as the St. Joseph's Hawks got the best of them, 81-73, last Saturday.

The story of the game was the play of the Hawks' backcourt, filled out by senior point guard and Player-of-the-Year candidate Jameer Nelson, and the physical "two" guard in junior Delonte West.

Nelson put up 28 and West dropped 33 points as the two Hawks shot a combined 77 percent from the field, with West shooting a perfect 12-for-12.

West and Nelson accounted for 61 of the Hawks 81 points.

Nelson's play solidified his reputation as the best point guard in college basketball as he seemed to answer every threat the Musketeers posed. In the early seconds of the first half, freshman Justin Doelman nailed a three-pointer to give the Muskies an early lead.

However, Nelson answered with a three of his own, slamming the press table as he ran down the floor afterwards. The whole game became a contest of how West and Nelson would respond to the Musketeer assault.

The first half ended with Xavier leading by six. It appeared that the game would remain that way, but the Hawks would not be denied.

St. Joseph's grabbed back lead, nailing every basket they needed to.

Every time the Musketeers seemed to gain momentum, Nelson, West, or junior Pat Carroll made a shot that silenced the crowd.

The sold-out Cintas Center rocked in the first half. In the second, the fans begged and pleaded to be let back into the fun, but the Hawks would have none of it.

With three minutes to go, the Musketeers had regained the lead for the first time in over six minutes. It seemed like the resilient Muskies might pull out the upset and put to rest the doubts created by the embarrassing loss to Duquesne last Wednesday.

Faced with losing their perfect record and top ten national ranking, the Hawks responded as only champions do.

After senior Romain Sato, who had given the Muskies the lead with a layup, missed a free throw which would have given the Musketeers' the old-fashioned three-point play, Carroll sunk a three-pointer and Dwayne Jones tipped in a missed shot to give the Hawks a three-point lead they never relinquished.

Just when the Musketeers needed to spark offensive momentum, they faltered.

Chalmers, who had been brilliant all game long, could not find the open man. Seconds ticked off the clock and with them went the Musketeers' chance for the upset.

As the game went under two minutes, the Musketeers began the customary fouling to stop the clock and force the Hawks to make free throws.

Because the game had been so well-played to that point, it took some time to get St. Joe's into the bonus situation.

Even after the Musketeers were able to send the Hawks to the line and stop the clock, they seemed disheartened and resigned themselves to defeat.

Some people in the crowd responded by booing the team for their offensive ineptitude in the waning minutes and their inability to commit the quick foul.

For this fact, St. Joe's Phil Martelli was critical of the Xavier faithful for spoiling what was a very hard-fought and well-played game.

Xavier remains at home this week, taking on La Salle tomorrow night and Richmond on Sunday. They are now 9-6 overall and 1-2 in the A-10.



Senior Lionel Chalmers gets back on defense after scoring two of his 23 points. His effort proved to be not enough as the Hawks came back to beat the Musketeers, 81-73.

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What's On Tap?

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	* Men's tennis at No. 17 Ohio State 10 a.m.	* Men's basketball vs. Richmond 2 p.m.
Thursday	Women's tennis vs. Akron 1 p.m.	* Women's tennis at Ohio State 6 p.m.
* Swimming vs. Marshall 6 p.m.	Saturday	Swim meets are held in the O'Connor Sports Center
	* Rifle at Kentucky 8 a.m.	Home basketball games are played in the Cintas Center
	* Swimming vs. Wright State 1 p.m.	

All home games are in bold

GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's Basketball vs. Richmond
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Cintas Center

After showing just how well they could play, the Musketeers remain at home in the midst of the most difficult three-week stretch of the season.

The Richmond Spiders hope to be the top team in the A-10 West, but first they must overcome Xavier and Dayton.

Lady Muskies split weekend homestand

BY CASEY WELDON
Sports writer

The Xavier women's basketball team managed only one victory in an important two-game conference homestand.

XAVIER 81 FORDHAM 69

On Sunday, the Lady Musketeers returned to the hardwood and picked up their second conference victory of the season, knocking off the surging Fordham Rams, 81-69.

An impressive three-point shooting display and 23-point outburst by freshman Suntana Granderson led the way for the Muskies. Sophomore Tara Boothe collected her sixth double-double of the season, and 16th in her two years at Xavier.

The Rams, the preseason pick to finish fourth in the Atlantic 10 East, fell to 8-7 overall and 2-3 in the conference.

Xavier, who started the day in fifth place in the A-10 East, earned their second conference victory in six opportunities on the season, and their 10th win overall.

Both squads came out firing from the start. The first half was a perimeter shooting fan's dream. Connecting on a collective 29-of-

54 shots, including 10-of-14 from behind the three-point arch, the teams played to an impressive 36-36 tie at the half.

The first half was played to an offensive stalemate, but the second half was all about the Muskies. A nearly error-free game left the Lady Musketeers with one of their lowest turnover outputs of the season with 14. Add the clean play to 56 percent second-half shooting and connecting on nine more free throws in the half then their counterparts, and it all led to a complete Xavier victory.

ST. JOSEPH'S 59 XAVIER 53

Friday night, in front of 2,477 fans, the Lady Musketeers fell to the preseason Atlantic 10 East favorites St. Joseph's University, 59-53.

Despite 26 points from Boothe, the Hawks gave Xavier their fifth loss in A-10 play.

In bittersweet fashion, the loss culminated an impressive evening which marked the 100,000 fan to attend a women's basketball game in the four-year history of the Cintas Center.

Marked by a snail's pace early on, an incredibly sloppy first half,

consisting of careless turnovers and badly-missed jumpers, left both teams with ample opportunities to take control of the contest with even the smallest bit of consistency on the offensive end.

The second half proved to play out as the polar opposite. Despite a continued lack of ball control (44 combined turnovers), the pace of the game proved far more lively.

Xavier jumped out to a quick lead and seemed to have the momentum in their corner. A pumped-up crowd and Muskie bench seemed to have a victory in the bag, but they failed to hold the lead and the balanced Hawk attack held off the young Muskie squad for the remainder of the game.

The Lady Musketeers will hit the road and head to New England this weekend with a pair of Atlantic 10 conference games. Friday, the Muskies will head up to Amherst to take on the Minutewomen of UMass and then close out the weekend in Rhode Island versus the Rams on Sunday.



Dave Rants

'Way to go, BOOsters'



BY DAVE GILMORE
Sports Editor

Saturday, the men's basketball team hosted the No. 6 St. Joseph's Hawks in what was one of the best games played in the history of the Cintas Center.

Sure, X faltered down the stretch and lost a winnable game, 81-73, but would it have been an upset? Of course.

Is St. Joe's (who by the way, is undefeated) the better team? Probably.

But what else can you expect when you're facing one of the most deadly backcourts in the country, especially when that backcourt contains Jameer Nelson, probably one of the best players in the nation?

"The stink of it," as Tom Cruise's character in "Top Gun" would say, is that a few Musketeer fans decided to let the blue and white hear how they felt about the loss as they left the court.

A "smattering" of fans, as Dustin Dow wrote in *the Enquirer* on Sunday, "booed the Musketeers as they walked off the court."

While Dow is indeed a talented writer and covers XU hoops with the greatest attention to detail, I think he highly misuses the word "fan."

Webster defines the word as, "A device for creating a current of air or a breeze, especially: A machine using an electric motor to rotate thin, rigid vanes in order to move air, as for cooling, or a collapsible, usually wedge-shaped device made of a light material such as silk, paper, or plastic."

Wait, let's try that again. Ah, here it is: "An ardent devotee; an enthusiast." The key term there is "devotee."

Now I'm not saying that if you've ever booed your team, that immediately makes you not a fan of that particular team.

Well, as a matter of fact, I guess I am. Yeah, let's roll with this.

The most common argument you will hear from people detracting from a great contest like Saturday's battle is that they support the team by plunking down hard-earned cash and have the right to boo whomever they want.

Yes, you have the right to boo whomever you want. You also have the right to be an idiot. Yes, you pay money to watch a team you like participate in athletics for entertainment, but you also know going into the game that there are only two possible outcomes: a win or a loss.

Now I know sports aren't as black and white as this, but can you imagine me heading to Vegas for my 21st birthday and being surprised when

I sat down at the blackjack table and (gasp) lost?!

Unbelievable! I should've known better than to lose! I should've been booed out of the casino for not trying!

Kind of like Dedrick and Lionel weren't really trying to ignite the offense in the second half.

Kind of like Myles and Doellman weren't scrapping for every possible rebound.

Kind of like Coach Matta wasn't really trying to figure out a way to stop Delonte West's 12-for-12 reign of terror.

To continue the analogy, Nelson and West were the dealers and we were catching nothing but cold cards.

At the other end of this whole debacle is what St. Joe's coach Phil Martelli said after the game.

"The fans here should be embarrassed," Martelli said. "To boo that team, after the maximum effort that those kids gave; that's unconscionable to be honest with you. To leave and not honor those two teams with an ovation at the end of the game: unconscionable. They should really be ashamed, and it's adults."

Wait a second, people are angry with Martelli? Shouldn't we be embarrassed?

Almost everyone recognized the effort the players on both teams put forth except for a few individuals who decided that they should make fools of themselves in front of their families, friends, classmates, and fellow members of the University community.

This select group would best be described as that relative who always shows up at family functions and says or does the most inappropriate thing possible.

Much was also made of Athletic Director Mike Bobinski's comments on the matter. Personally, I think Mr. Bobinski said it better in two sentences than I could in any 800-word column: "I thought it was absurd," Bobinski said. "It was an unbelievable college basketball game. Two individual performances by the Saint Joe's guys playing at the absolute highest level possible. We probably aren't going to win every one of them. To me, it's very disappointing. If you truly support the program, you support us at all times, not just when the going is good."

The bottom line, Xavier malcontents, is that this is a very important stretch the Muskies are heading into, and the players, coaches and staff need all the support they can get.

So, if you can't get on board, that's fine, your seats will be waiting when we're back at 26-6.

Until then, please try and keep your ugly displays of disloyalty to the privacy of your own homes.

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“Our Country,” a film which traces the development of country music by intermingling historical footage with large-format performance of country music performers, premieres on Friday at Union Terminal’s Omnimax Theatre.

“Our Country” will be shown in conjunction with Omnimax Theatre’s current film, “Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West.”

For showtimes, tickets and other information, visit their Web site www.cincymuseum.org or call 287-7000.

“Our Country” runs through April 25.

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

Celebrated soprano Sylvia McNair joins the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday at Music Hall.

McNair and the CSO will perform Ravel’s *Shéhérazade* and selections from Joseph Canteloube’s *Songs of the Auvergne*.

The concert also includes Debussy’s *Nocturnes* with CSO guests Women of the May Festival Chorus.

For ticket information, visit www.cincinnati-symphony.org or call 381-3300.

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Performances are Thursday-Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m.

For ticket information visit www.cincyshakes.com, or call 381-BARD.

“Hamlet” runs until Feb. 15.

Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum continues to offer free admission to the general public.

The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday. It is also open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

More information can be found at www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org.

‘Cooler’ than being cool

WILLIAM H. MACY AND ALEC BALDWIN STAR IN ONE OF THE BEST FILMS OF THE SEASON

BY WAYLON ENVIK
 Online Editor

If you have an excess amount of bad luck and your failure tends to be contagious to those around you, then Las Vegas is the place for you!

You too can be just like Bernie Lootz (William H. Macy, “Fargo”) and work in an exciting casino. But, be wary that depression may be a side effect.

“The Cooler” is an intriguing cinematic work that keeps your attention through the uncanny ability of Bernie to fail and fail well. Bernie works in a casino for Shelly Kaplow (Alec Baldwin, “Hunt for Red October”). Shelly is the old-fashioned owner of Shangri-La, firm in his beliefs of keeping the gambling business traditional.



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Maria, Alec and Willie can't believe make “The Cooler” a hit.

high roller into a proverbial loser. Here are some words of advice: beware of new people at your table if you begin to pile up the chips.

Bernie, a week from leaving his job at the Shangri-La, partners up with a waitress named Natalie Belisario (Mario Bello, “Coyote Ugly”). Their relationship is the catalyst for most of the story as Shelly fights off the higher-ups in the organization who want to change things, and can be very convincing of management practices.

Natalie begins to open up a whole new world for Bernie, to the dismay of Shelly. Ironically, Bernie is Shelly’s only genuine friend. Shelly can only care for himself in the end, constantly foiling Bernie’s hopes of leaving the casino.

Natalie changes Bernie’s luck, giving him a companion in life. People at the casino start to win when Bernie is around, and Shelly shows his disdain for their relationship on many occasions.

Meanwhile, Bernie’s son, Mikey (Shawn Hatosy, “John Q”) along

with his conveniently pregnant wife, find their way back into Bernie’s life. It’s never good when your estranged son happens upon you when your life is seemingly turning the corner. At times, you’re unsure whether or not to feel sorry for Bernie.

Bernie demonstrates a high capacity for integrity and loyalty. These are just a few characteristics that make him an instant underdog. Throughout the movie, things just can’t go right for him, but it never keeps the audience from rooting for him.

The ensemble of actors in this small budget film is amazing. It is a talented cast that gives strong performances in this surprisingly good film.

Alec Baldwin is in almost perfect form, delivering an Oscar-worthy performance. Bello is equally as good, showing that she could be the next leading lady in Hollywood.

Macy, though, steals the show. While the character is perfect for

his style of acting, Macy never fails to entertain the viewer with his saddened disposition and flashes of jubilation.

Taking into consideration the quality of this film and others currently in theaters, “The Cooler” is quite possibly the best film out. With a miniscule budget and wholesome plot compared to other releases like “Torque,” it may be for the better that this film finds its home in independent theaters.

The movie is easy to relate to because of how ordinary and everyday the characters are. This isn’t the extravagant showgirl Las Vegas that the movies love to flood our imaginations with.

This movie consists of the regular lives of people trying to make the best of their situations.

When looking over all those movies that are playing in the next couple of weeks, don’t be disheartened that there is seemingly nothing to go see. Take a quick look to see when “The Cooler” is playing. It’s well worth your time.

The Info

“The Cooler”

Newsire Official Grade: B+

Starring: William H. Macy, Maria Bello, Alec Baldwin, Ron Livingston, Paul Sorvino

Rating: Rated R for strong sexuality, violence, language and some drug use

Therein lies Shelly’s plight as he fights to keep his casino from becoming another modern one in Las Vegas, while an overbearing youth (Ron Livingston, “Office Space”) attempts to displace and discredit his older contemporary.

The utilization of a cooler is just one of the traditional aspects Shelly incorporates in day-to-day business. The cooler has the task of turning a

New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or before Jan. 20 ...

- Bastinado *This Is Rugby Dance!* (Post436) ... Ani DiFranco *Educated Guess* (Righteous Babe) ... Hella *The Devil Isn't Red* (5 Rue Christine) ... Northstar *RZA Presents* (Koch/In the Paint) ... Scarface *Balls and My Word* (Screwed and Chopped) (PBK) ... Volcano, I'm Still Excited!! *Volcano, I'm Still Excited!!* (Polyvinyl) ... We're All Gonna Die *Go to Hell* (Underdogma)

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A night with Thursday

CONTRIBUTING WRITER SARAH PALMER REVIEWS THURSDAY'S RECENT PERFORMANCE AT BOGART'S

BY SARAH PLUMMER

Contributing Writer

My feet grew anxious as the familiar site of Thursday reached the stage. The crowd began to sway to the beating of the drums and then... he began singing.

By he, I mean Geoff Rickley, the lead singer of Thursday, often categorized as a screamo band from New Jersey. Thursday has a unique, hardened sound that has been detached from punk or emo music lately. It is acquired by a keyboard along a mix of intense lyrics, and ample screaming from the guitar players.

With the recent release of their newest album, *War All The Time*, the band and the crowd's energy was amazing.

Thursday began with "For the Workforce, Drowning," followed by "Paris in Flames," and by the end of these songs I was nearly exhausted! The band's energy is never lowered throughout the show. The members obviously put everything they have into each song and, as a result, are well worth the time to watch.

The lyrics of Thursday are enough to make a sensitive emo kid cry. A large part of their songs have references to death, losing someone whom you've loved and bold statements about our world today. Watching as Rickley blares out these lyrics is more powerful than anything ever heard on a record.

Rickley has an excellent way of including the crowd in every song. He jumps off the stage to get closer to



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Don't just disregard Thursday as another emo group, they're devoted to their fans and won't give a poor show.

the audience, and sits on the edge of the stage during slower songs. He explains what many songs are about before he sings them, sharing with everyone about the events of his life and how they have affected him.

The crowd became silent before the song "Steps Ascending" as Rickley describes the death of a closed friend. He continued to talk of how he was never able to better this friendship before the tragedy. There is a clear look of

passion on his face as he shouts out the lyrics.

The lyrics of these songs are what drive the crowd at their shows. When stopping for a minute to listen, all one can hear are the screams from devoted fans over the singing of the band.

The most anticipated song for recent Thursday shows has been "Jet Black New Year." Throughout the show, the crowd blurts out requests for it, and when it begins, the energy is impressive.

Thursday ended with the usual "Autobiography of a Nation." The lyrics tell an unpopular story of our world: "We all dance to the same beat when we're marching. The TV tells us everything we need to know. And this scene is painting in all the fashions of the moment and history is all the same. Everything you say you stole. Every dream you dream you bought. But I'm still here and we are all guilty."

The many messages of their music are clear, but the most impor-

tant are to love those close to you and appreciate what you have.

Thursday is truly devoted to their fans and they thank the crowd countless times during the performance for their support. They encourage fans to download their music, or to listen to it any way they can.

If you're looking for a high-energy show with meaningful lyrics and a fan-oriented band, you might want to check out Thursday.

Thursday's Albums:



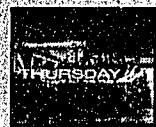
Waiting (2000)



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Having a Van Damme good time

ASST. DIVERSIONS EDITOR TONY AND EDITOR JIMMY ARGUE THE BEST VAN DAMME MOVIE, "UNIVERSAL SOLDIER" OR "BLOODSPORT?"

Tony SAYS:

Before Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin gave us such cinematic gold as "Independence Day" and "Godzilla," the kings of schmaltz unleashed on the movie-going public the Sci-fi classic, "Universal Soldier."

Despite the presence of the "Muscles from Brussels" and his firm, firm buttocks, the image I found most endearing was that of Dolph Lundgren fashioning a necklace out of human ears.

Now, I've never handled or seen, for that matter, a disembodied ear, but if I ever had the gall to take over a Vietnamese village and start cutting off sensory organs, I'm sure I would model the eventual jewelry after Dolph's sensible ear-ribbed collar.

When I, a wide-eyed pre-teen raised on "Rocky IV," saw Dolph and his ear chopping ways, I was petrified.

Here was the man who had killed Apollo Creed.

Here, now, was a man slicing off ears and carefully making them into a necklace.

Here was my nightmare.

In the vain of so many youngsters who can't help but be drawn to that which makes them stay up late at night, clutching the ashes of their long dead dog, I found myself continually plopping in my VHS copy of "Universal Soldier,"



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Can you believe how big that Chinese guy's boobs are? I can't.

taped off Pay-Per-View or Showtime.

The more I watched, the more I feared the necklaced ears and their Norse wearer.

But then I noticed the craft of it. Dolph laced that necklace with such precision one could not help but admire his skill and grace.

My fear began to subside and, I too, began working on makeshift necklaces.

First I used Cheerio's.

Then pickle slices began to be laced by my needle and thread.

I know what your asking, what does this have to do with Jean-Claude Van Damme and his firm, firm buttocks?

Well, little, unless when you say firm, firm buttocks you mean

disembodied ears strung on some necklace.

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Dolph sans ear necklace.

Jimmy SAYS:

"Bloodsport" was a movie that defined the year of 1988. Sure there was "Die Hard" and "Rain Man." But those movies were about crime and gambling.

"Bloodsport" was about something more important: tolerance.

Jean Claude Van Damme stars as Frank Dux, an American prize fighter/zen master.

Frank has a dream. His dream is to enter Kumite, a Chinese fighting tournament featuring some of the best fighters in the world.

Frank confronts serious problems while trying to realize his noble goal: he has to go AWOL from the army in order to participate in the tourney.

The army, however, has some kind of stupid rule against soldiers abandoning their duties to pursue their lifelong dreams. I know, it's crazy.

Frank leaves the army and enters the tournament. However, the army needs him for some special mission (not explained), so they send two officials to catch Frank.

Frank is trained in the martial arts, possibly karate, maybe jui-jitsu — it doesn't matter. What does matter is that he can do the splits.

Frank and partner Ray Jackson, played by B-movie tough guy Donald Gibb, work their way through the tournament, defeating competitors with relative ease.

Combating incumbent is Chong Li, a Hong-Kong clobberer who has the largest pecks ever seen on a Chinese man. I'm serious, this guy has absolutely huge hooters, a broad bust, a terrible torso, notable knockers...you get the idea.

After Ray gets hospitalized by Chong, Frank vows to avenge his comatose comrade. Frank goes on a tear through the tournament, all the while intent on getting to Chong Li in the finals.

Along the way, Chong Li kills some people. It's no big deal though, just roll 'em off the mat. He wears Ray's sweet Harley-Davidson bandana on his leg. I think it's a kind gesture, honestly.

Finally, Frank faces Chong Li in the finals. After Frank takes some chalk to the face, he must use bat-like sonar to defeat the Hong Kong crippler. In the end, it's all zen.

The tournament is a metaphor of life. Wait, don't throw away *the Newswire* just yet. The Kumite is a melting pot of diversity and culture.

The world is well represented. We have contestants from Spain, America and China, just to name a few. The Kumite is like the UN, except less people die.

Yes, indeed. All races are tolerated and accepted. It really is a beautiful thing. Half-naked men, rolling around together on a mat is accepted and appreciated. A man who can do the splits is tolerated and so is a man with boobs.

WEDNESDAY

January 21

"I just want to lay next to you for awhile,
You look so beautiful tonight,
Your eyes are so lovely,
Your mouth is so sweet,
A lot of people misunderstand me."

With lyrics like these in "I Can't Stop Loving You," it's no wonder Michael Jackson is all over the news these days. If you just pulled your head from under a rock, read this immediately afterwards, there's a slight possibility you're now asking, "Well shucks, John, I don't know what you're talking about."

Well the answer, of course, is the world has been taken hostage by the awe-inspiring performance of Jacko's new album, *Number Ones*. After peaking at a stupendous No. 13 on the Billboard charts, at week 7, Jackson was still at No. 39, blowing away every other album in the world except for 38 others! Now that's what I call a career-defining moment if I've ever seen one. So in honor of the King of Pop, this week's Calendar City will have each day dedicated to hot tracks fresh off of *Number Ones*.

The European Union Coffee Hour will be taking place today at 3:30 p.m. in the Faces of the World Lounge. The main point of discussion will be recent talks by the German government to put the picture of Jacko dangling his child off of a balcony on the back of their Euro coin.

The La Salle Explorers come to get Sato-mized by Romain and the

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By John Houser. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newswire-calendar@xavier.edu or ML 2129.

rest of the Gentlemen Musketeers at the Cintas Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. Come for the basketball, stay for the \$5 beer and the guy who does **The Sprinkler** on the Dance-Cam.

There will be a Pro-Life Mass tonight at 8 p.m. in Bellarmine Chapel. In the name of equal opportunity, an Anti-Life Mass will immediately follow.

THURSDAY

January 22

Watch "Billie Jean" and "Dirty Diana" along with the rest of the women's swim team take on Marshall at 6 p.m. in Xavier's state-of-the-art O'Connor Sports Center. These well-toned women will be setting a fine example for the celebration of Women's Healthy Weight Day today. However, they can't quite live up to the ultimate ideal in women's health set by the gender-bending Jackson: 5'11" and 120 lbs.? Sure sounds healthy to me!

FRIDAY

January 23

Do you need more of a choice than just "Black or White"? If so, take in all the colors you can handle at the XU Faculty Recent Works Opening Reception at 6 p.m. in Cohen. Who knows, maybe they'll even have my personal favorite: hot magenta.



Sure, things aren't looking up for the Jacko, but at least he still has his looks, right?

Today, everyone's favorite hateful psychological fraud, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, turns 56. Remember when an ex-boyfriend posted nude pictures of her on the Internet? Makes you think she really had to face the "Man in the Mirror."

SATURDAY

January 24

Do you like service? Do you also enjoy it when every XU/UC event names itself the Crosstown (insert name here) Out? If so, drag your booty out of bed at the "Break of Dawn" and come to the Crosstown Helpout at UC's Shoemaker Center at 8 a.m.

Do you find yourself constantly emphasizing the wrong syllable when speaking to Spanish males

who are older than you or with whom you are not informally acquainted? Well you have "One More Chance" to get it right at the Senior Day swimming meet against Wright State today at 1 p.m. in O'Connor.

It's long been assumed that NASCAR fans watch their beloved sport with a hidden desire to watch people crash and burn in a horrendous fashion at an incredibly fast speed. If you want a more refined way to get your sadistic jollies, put on your Dale Jr. hat and head to 24-Hour Theater at 7:30 p.m. in the G-Spot, where thespians you know and love must learn a play in 24 hours and then perform it before your very eyes. It's a "Thriller."

SUNDAY

January 25

The Gentlemen Musketeers head back out onto the hardwood at 2 p.m. today to take on the Richmond Spiders. If you're looking to get into their heads, call them insects. They really hate that.

If you've got a bad case of Arachnophobia, or just hate the movie, go instead to see Thomas Tirino at 2:30 p.m. as part of the Classical Piano Series in the GSC Theatre. If you want to play a duet, he'll "Rock with You."

Today is 'A Room of One's Own' Day. Handfuls of people around the

world will be celebrating today, so if you claim your own room today "You Are Not Alone." Well, actually, I guess you are. I dunno. Maybe this is a day Sir Michael should be celebrating more often.

MONDAY

January 26

Today begins National Take Back Your Time Week. I've sat here for five minutes and can't think of anything funny to say about that. I think I'll take those five minutes back. Ah, that was easy.

Hungry now that Healthy Women's Weight Day is over? Come to the Wellness Team Lunch and Learn Seminar: Creating Balance and Fulfillment in your Life at noon in GSC 330. Returned time, food, balance and fulfillment, now that ain't too "Bad." And you know what they say about a good thing, "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough." Woo!

TUESDAY

January 27

Today is Thomas Crapper Day. To commemorate this celebration of the debated inventor of the flushing toilet, I have to give props to Xavier for lowering the automatic flushers in the bathroom stalls. I now can take care of business without having the toilet flush four times per sitting at every slight movement. I no longer have to cover the flushing censor with toilet paper everytime I go to drop the kids off at the pool. Properly working automatic flushing toilets, you just can't "Beat It."

For Rent

Large 3 bedroom in 2 family home 3757 Spencer Ave, Norwood (corner of Cleney and Spencer). 2 floors, 2 bedrooms on one floor, 1 bedroom on other. Living room, dining room, kitchen and bath. Laundry in basement, balcony, deck, garages available. Great location, nice neighborhood, walk to class. Available June 1, 2004. Rent \$895.00 per month. Contact Brian 513-503-2065. 513-745-4831 days, 513-731-0699 evenings.

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Need a place to live this spring? I'm looking for a roommate. Nice house in good neighborhood, close to campus. Call Brid at 351-3471.

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4 bedroom apartment for rent at 1931 Waverly Ave. New carpet, washer/dryer and only 2 minutes from campus. \$1,200/month. Call 513-300-5678.

Apartment for rent. 2 bedroom apartment 4518 Barbara Place. 2 family house located on quiet cul-de-sac 5 minutes from XU. Includes complete kitchen, living room, dining room, balcony porch, laundry facilities, W/D, water, storage space, backyard, garage parking, and off-street parking. \$350/2 persons, \$275/4 persons. Contact Ken at 242-9049. Email at thismind@yahoo.com

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Large 4 bedroom on nicest street in Norwood. Hardwood floors, central air, parking, dishwasher, free laundry. Call 281-3863.

Huge 3 bedroom apartment furnished. 974 Dana Ave. Washer/dryer, off-street parking. Very cozy. 241-4107.

House for rent. Large 8 bedroom, 3 baths, fully equipped kitchen, parking spaces, short walk to campus. Lovely mansion on 991 Dana Ave. Washer and dryer. Heat included, \$350 per student. To see, call Jo Ellen at 321-0043 or 241-8421.

Two bedroom home for rent. Pleasant Ridge. Nice neighborhood, close to many conveniences, and highways, 5 minutes from Xavier. Basement, 1 car garage, fenced-in backyard, central air. \$850.00/month, prefer non-smoking. 731-2795.

Help Wanted

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Volunteers needed for a study on visual illusions. Qualified participants will be paid \$10. The study will take approximately 30 minutes. For more information call Alex at 924-8786 or Brian at 924-8161.

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Part-time child care, Hyde Park area. Transportation and afterschool care needed two days per week, 3:15-5:30. Experience, references and dependable transportation required. \$24 per afternoon for a qualified candidate. Please contact Lori Kimura 513-631-7432 or email at lkimura@ems.att.com

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